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SUBJECT: NO MOVEMENT ON BURUNDI REFUGEES

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- 1. UNHCR REP MME. TOSCANI, INFORMED ME FEB 07 THAT SHE HAD RECEIVED NO RECENT OVERTURES FROM REGIONAL AUTHORITIES CONCERNING POSSIBLE MOVE OF BURUNDI REFUGEES OUT OF RUZIZI RIVER PLAIN.
- 2. IN RECENT CONVERSATION, REGIONAL COMMISSIONER NDEBO SHRUGGED WHEN SHE INQUIRED ABOUT STATUS OF EARLIER PLANS TO MOVE REFUGEES TO ITEBERO (REFTEL) AND SAID THAT HE WOULD NOT MOVE FURTHER WITHOUT ORDERS FROM KINSHASA.
- 3. REGIONAL CND CHIEF, PELENDO, SPOKE WITH TOSCANI ABOUT EXPENSES OF MOVING REFUGEES. SHE POINTED OUT THAT UNHCR WOULD MEET MANY EXPENSES BUT GOZ WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE ANY MONEY NEEDED TO ACQUIRE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LAND FOR RESETTLEMENT. PELENDO COMMENTED THAT GOZ HAD MANY DEMANDS

ON AVAILABLE FUNDS JUST NOW AND MIGHT NOT WISH TO ASSUME ANY AVOIDABLE EXPENSES.

4. TOSCANI CONSEQUENTLY CONCLUDES THAT WHOLE MATTER HAS AGAIN BEEN PUT ON BACK BURNER WHERE IT PRESUMABLY WILL REMAIN UNLESS BURUNDI AGAIN SURFACES ISSUE WITH PRES MOBUTU. SHE COMMENTS THAT THIS IS A BLESSING TO CHRONICALLY SLIM UNHOR BUDGET. TOSCANI CONTINUING EFFORTS (1) TO RUN CLASSES REFUGEE CHILDREN AND (2) SECURE EXEMPTION FROM LOCAL TAXES FOR REFUGEES. LOVING

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